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GOVERNMENT REVIEWS MISSION OF STATE PLANNING OFFICE

In order to achieve better economic management in connection with the reorganization of the economy, the Czechoslovak government has reviewed the assignments and organization of the State Planning Office as follows:

It is the duty of the State Planning Office to work out and lay before the government for approval its recommendations for annual and quarterly national economic plans and to see to their accomplishment once they are approved. Solutions for individual problems requiring special attention are worked out there and presented to the government for approval. Planned #1stribution of raw materials, resources, and supplies belonging to the na .onal economy, and their stockpiling and guarding, are carried out either directly by the State Planning Office or coordinated by it. New methods are planned and introduced and submitted for government approval.

Opinions regarding all questions of the national economy are forwarded to the government, particularly when the questions originate in the individual ministries. The State Planning Office gives its opinions of the state budget and of the credit and payment plans. It organizes scientific cooperation and exchange of ideas with friendly nations, works out basic directives for price control, and coordinates the entire price-stabilizing activity. It directs the work of ministries in establishing norms for the main kinds of industrial products and approves them. In general, the State Planning Office works out methodical directives and questionnaires for compiling state economic plans.

The State Planning Office also has the function of ensuring a constant rise in manpower and economic expansion, consolidation of the socialist sector of the national economy, and the raising of the standard of living and culture of the workers. Another aim is to strengthen and expand economic relations with the USSR and the People's Democracies and to strengthen Czechoslovakia's economic independence of capitalist nations, as well as to raise the defense potential of the country.

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